

IN THE CLAIMS:

All of the claims that remain pending and under consideration in the above-referenced application are presented, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.121(c)(1)(i) and 1.121(c)(3), in clean form below. Claims 1, 6, and 7 have been amended and claims 11 through 17 are new claims. Please enter these claims as amended and newly submitted. Also attached is a marked-up version of the claims, as amended herein, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(ii).

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) In a boarding bridge, a passageway which defines a pathway for travel between an aircraft terminal and a docked aircraft, wherein the improvement in said passageway comprises:

a floor element;

two wall elements positioned atop said floor element, said wall elements being positioned spacedly apart from one another and extending uprightly from said floor element;

a ceiling element positioned atop said two wall elements;

wherein said floor element, said wall elements and said ceiling element are fabricated from at least one pultruded panel

wherein said wall elements are each fabricated from a plurality of pultruded panels, each of said pultruded panels defining a honeycomb cross-section and having a longitudinal axis, said longitudinal axes of said plurality of pultruded panels of said wall elements being oriented orthogonal to a longitudinal axis of said passageway.

2. (Original) The passageway of claim 1 wherein said at least one pultruded panel defines a honeycomb cross section and at least one elongate channel therein dimensioned to receive and retain wiring for servicing said passageway.

3. (Currently amended) The passageway of claim 1 wherein said floor element, said wall

elements and said ceiling element are each fabricated from a plurality of pultruded panels, each of said pultruded panels defining a honeycomb cross-section and having a longitudinal axis, said longitudinal axes of said pultruded panels being oriented ~~parallel~~ perpendicular to a ~~said~~ longitudinal axis of said passageway.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently amended) The passageway of ~~claim 4~~ claim 1 wherein said ceiling element is fabricated from a plurality of pultruded panels, each of said pultruded panels having a longitudinal axis, said longitudinal axes of said pultruded panels of said ceiling element being oriented orthogonal to said longitudinal axis of said passageway.

6. (Currently Amended) A passageway for placement between an aircraft terminal and an aircraft for interconnecting said aircraft terminal with said aircraft, wherein the improvement in said passageway comprises:

a plurality of passageway modules, each module comprising:

a floor element;

two wall elements positioned atop said floor element, said wall elements being positioned spacedly apart from one another and extending uprightly from said floor element;

a ceiling element positioned atop said two wall elements;

wherein said floor element, said wall elements and said ceiling element are fabricated from at least one pultruded panel defining a honeycomb cross section; and

connection structure for fixedly interconnecting adjacent said modules, one to another at their respective ends, to form a continuous passageway, said connection structure mechanically interconnecting said ceiling elements of adjacently positioned modules to one another and further mechanically interconnecting said floor elements of adjacently positioned modules to one another.

7. (Currently Amended) The passageway of claim 6 wherein said connection structure

comprises:

- a pair of horizontally oriented first frame structures positioned in abutment against one another, each said first frame structure having an upwardly extending ear, each said first frame structure being secured to said ceiling element of a respective said module;
- a pair of horizontally oriented second frame structures positioned in abutment against one another, each said second frame structure having ~~and~~ a downwardly extending ear, each said second frame structure being secured to said floor element of a respective said module;
- a first pair of ~~angle defining elongate~~ first connection elements, each said first connection elements being secured to said ceiling element of a said respective module for inter-cooperating with said upwardly extending ear ~~ears~~ and forming a union of said two ceiling elements of said modules;
- a second pair of ~~angle defining elongate~~ second connection elements, each said second connection elements being secure to said floor element of a respective module for inter-cooperating with said downwardly extending ear ~~ears~~ and forming a union of said two floor elements of said modules; and
- engaging structure for interconnecting said first pair of ~~angle defining elongate~~ first connection elements with said pair of first frame structures and for interconnecting said second pair of ~~angle defining elongate~~ second connection elements with said pair of second frame structures.

8. (Currently Amended) The passageway of claim 7 wherein each said first frame structure is connected to a respective second frame structure by a pair of vertically oriented third frame structures, each said vertically oriented third frame structure being secured at one end thereof to a said first frame structure and being secured at an opposing end thereof to a said second frame structure wherein an association of a said first frame structure, a said second frame structure and said pair of third frame structures defines ~~a frames are quadrilateral in configuration~~ quadrilaterally configured frame which ~~and wherein each said frame defines~~ a passageway opening therethrough.

9. (Previously presented) The passageway of claim 7 wherein said engaging structure comprises a nut and bolt combination.

10. (Previously presented) The passageway of claim 7 wherein each said frame includes an engagement surface configured to abut against a surface of said module sufficient to permit an adhesive bond between said engagement surface and said module surface.

11. (Currently amended) A passageway for placement between an aircraft terminal and an aircraft for interconnecting said aircraft terminal with said aircraft, said passageway comprised of a plurality of passageway modules, wherein the improvement in each of said passageway module consists essentially of:

a floor element;

two wall elements positioned atop said floor element, said wall elements being positioned spacedly apart from one another and extending uprightly from said floor element;

a ceiling element positioned atop said two wall elements;

wherein said floor element, said wall elements and said ceiling element are fabricated from at least one pultruded panel defining a honeycomb cross section; and

connection structure for interconnecting said modules, one to another at their respective ends to form a continuous passageway, wherein said connection structure further comprises a pair of frame structures, said frame structures having an upwardly extending ear and a downwardly extending ear; a first pair of angle defining elongate connection elements for inter-cooperating with said upwardly extending ear and two ceiling elements of said modules; a second pair of angle defining elongate connection elements for inter-cooperating with said downwardly extending ear and two floor elements of said modules; and engaging structure for interconnecting said first pair of angle defining elongate connection elements with said pair of frame structures and for interconnecting said second pair of angle defining elongate connection elements with said pair of frame structures

wherein said wall elements are each fabricated from a plurality of pultruded panels, each of said pultruded panels defining a honeycomb cross-section and having a longitudinal axis, said longitudinal axes of said pultruded panels of said wall elements being oriented orthogonal to a longitudinal axis of said passageway.

12. (Previously presented) The passageway of claim 11 wherein said frames are quadrilateral in configuration and wherein each said frame defines a passageway opening therethrough.

13. (Previously presented) The passageway of claim 11 wherein each said frame includes an engagement surface configured to abut against a surface of said module sufficient to permit an adhesive bond between said engagement surface and said module surface.

14. (Previously presented) The passageway of claim 12 wherein said at least one pultruded panel defines a honeycomb cross section and at least one elongate channel therein dimensioned to receive and retain wiring for servicing said passageway.

15. (Previously presented) The passageway of claim 14 wherein said floor element, said wall elements and said ceiling element are each fabricated from a plurality of pultruded panels, each of said pultruded panels defining a honeycomb cross-section and having a longitudinal axis, said longitudinal axes of said pultruded panels being oriented parallel to a longitudinal axis of said passageway.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently amended) The passageway of ~~claim 14~~ claim 11 wherein said ceiling element is fabricated from a plurality of pultruded panels, each of said pultruded panels having a longitudinal axis, said longitudinal axes of said pultruded panels of said ceiling element being oriented orthogonal to said longitudinal axis of said passageway.